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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:CANADIAN RESPONSE TO INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST

REF: OTTAWA 1667 AND OTTAWA 1699; BLOOM/HUDSON TELECON JUNE 13.

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. AS REQUESTED, SCIATT HAS CONFIRMED THAT CANADIAN EXPORT PERMIT HAS NOT AND WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR 200-TON SHIPMENT OF HEAVY WATER TO INDIA WHICH WAS STOPPED WHEN NEWS RECEIVED OF INDIAN TEST. FURTHER, ACCORDING TO GRAY, THERE ARE "SEVERAL MILLIONS OF DOLLARS" WORTH OF PARTS AND EQUIPMENT FOR WHICH, AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT, CANADA IS NOT REPEATING NOT ISSUING EXPORT PERMITS. THESE RANGE FROM VALVES TO PUMPS AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT, MOST OF WHICH WAS DESTINED FOR INDIAN-DESIGNED NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS. GRAY ALSO CONFIRMS THAT LOW-INTEREST LOANS, WHICH WERE REPORTED AS CANCELLED BY THE PRESS, WERE EFFECTIVELY CANCELLED. IN THE TECHNICAL SENSE, THEY WERE NOT BECAUSE NO LOAN WHICH WAS ALREADY MADE WAS WITHDRAWN. HOWEVER, THOSE WHICH WERE PENDING AND ALMOST READY FOR SIGNATURE WERE STOPPED END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. GRAY ALSO INFORMED SCIATT THAT HEAD OF CONFIDENTIAL

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INDIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION HAS INVITED HIM TO VISIT INDIA TO

SEE THE SITUATION FOR HIMSELF ON THE SITE. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS
MINISTER, WITH WHICH HE PERSONALLY HEARTILY AGREES, GRAY IS SENDING
A CURT REFUSAL TODAY, JUNE 13.

3. IN DISCUSSING SITUATION, GRAY INDICATED THAT EVEN IF CANADA
WITHDREW COMPLETELY FROM THE EXPORT MARKET, DOMESTIC
ORDERS IN CANADA, KNOWN AND UNDER NEGOTIATION, WOULD BE MORE THAN
SUFFICIENT TO KEEP THE CANADIAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRY HEALTHY. HE DID
NOT MISS OPPORTUNITY, HOWEVER, TO OBSERVE THAT HE AS WELL AS OTHERS
IN MINISTRIES OF ENERGY, MINES & RESOURCES AND INDUSTRY, TRADE &
COMMERCE WOULD BE CAREFULLY WATCHING U.S. POLICY DEVELOPMENTS
(SEE REFTELS). END CONFIDENTIAL.

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